

**NMFS FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**  
**U.S. / CANADA MANAGEMENT AREA SPECIES WEIGHT TALLY SHEET**  
**CHEAT SHEET**  
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It is critical to use the updated version, dated 05/06, of the Species Weight Tally Sheets for U.S. / Canada Area Trips and Regular B-DAS Program Trips. The latest versions of all Tally Sheets can be found at:

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/femad/fishsamp/fsb/> in the left column under "Manuals/References".

1. At the beginning of the trip, ask the Captain for the declared VMS Code (2, 4, 4+open, 5, or 6) and record in "VMS Code" box at top of Tally Sheet.
2. For each haul, record the Area as WA (Western Area), EA (Eastern Area), ES (Eastern Haddock Special Access Program Area), or OA (Open Area) in the "AREA" column of tally sheet.
3. FOR EASTERN USC Area Trips (VMS Codes 2, 5, 6; see maps on reverse side): If declared into an Eastern USC area record species weights for ALL observed hauls, regardless of where they fished, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE the USC area.
4. FOR WESTERN USC Area Trips (VMS Codes 4, 4+open; see maps on reverse side): Species weights are recorded ONLY for observed hauls that occur INSIDE the USC Area. If any part of the haul occurs inside the USC Area the entire haul is recorded on the Tally Sheet. If the entire haul is outside the USC area, record "OA" for "Area" and dash the Species Weight fields.
5. Use Latitude and Longitude, not LORAN, whenever possible on USC trips.
6. Dressed weights should be converted to ROUND weights on the Tally Sheet. Refer to the example given on the bottom of the Tally Sheet. Show your conversion math on the Tally Sheet.
7. At end of trip ask Captain if trip FLIPPED from B-DAS to A-DAS and fill in "Flipped Y/N" box at the top of the Tally Sheet.
8. At end of trip, ask the Captain if the trip Flexed. It may flex out or flex west or not flex at all out of USC Eastern Area. Fill in "Flexed O/W/N" box at the top of the Tally Sheet, where O=Flexed Out of the Eastern Area, W=Flexed West into the Western Area, N=Did Not Flex.
9. For trips that declare into the Regular B-DAS Program and fish inside the USC Area, use the Regular B-DAS Program Species Weight Tally Sheet (not the USC Species Weight Tally Sheet).

*Maps of USC VMS Codes are provided on the reverse side of this Cheat Sheet.*

